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Suikoden III: The Successor of Fate : Aki Shimizu

Suikoden

Enter a world filled with adventure, love, bravery, trust and courage.

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As a young girl, Chris Lightfellow lost her father to the flames of war. Following in his footsteps, Chris entered military school and trained to become a knight. But when Chris' commanding officer is killed in hattle, will Chris come into her own as a knight...or follow her father's path to the grave?



















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Suikoden III is part of an ongoing video game series released by Konami. It is a fantasy, loosely taking inspiration from an ancient Chinese folktale known as "Shui Hu Chuan" or "The Water Margin","All Men are Brothers." The games (especially the first

Men are Brothers." The games (especially the first two) have been largely overlooked in the non-Asian market due to lack of publicity, limited print runs, and being generally overshadowed by more visually stunning RPG's such as Final Fantasy.

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The plot of each successive Surkoden game builds on its predecessors. There are connecting threads between each game as some members of the cast of characters return and more is revealed about the world and the cultures that inhabit it.

The themes in Suikoden cover friendship, fate and the importance of a personal sacrifice. These themse surface repeatedly as the heroes and villains of each game come into possession of some of the 27 True Runes. The 27 True Runes—for those unfamiliar with the game—are, for lack of a better term, something like gods: each Rune governs a certain aspect that helps to hold the world in balance between Order and Chaos. The majority of the magic runes in the world (sawe for special technique runes) are derivations of the True Runes themselves. Nations war with each other in order to gain possession of the powers held with the greater runes. Of the 27 True Runes, only a partial list has been revealed thus far.

Suikoden I takes place in a part of the world known as Toran. Teo McDohl, a celebrated general of the Scarlet Moon Empire, has a son who has come of age. The young McDohl joins the Royal Guard and King Barbarossa himself sends him on his first mission. On his second mission, they encounter a difficult enemy and his best friend. Ted, is forced to reveal that he possesses a True Rune; the Souleater; which the court magician, Windy, has sought for centuries. Upon their return to the capitol, McDohl is forced to flee for his life after being entrusted with SoulEater, while Ted stavs behind as a decoy. Eventually, McDohl finds and joins the Liberation Army. After the untimely demise of Odessa Silverberg, the Liberation Army's leader, McDohl reluctantly takes her place. Under his command, the Liberation Army overthrows the Scarlet Moon Empire, creating in its place a free republic. With

the end of what was to become known as the Gate Rune

Wars, McDohl just disappears.

Suikoden II takes place three years after Suikoden I. The region of Dunan (ust north of Toran) has been beset with conflict between the nations of Highland and the Jowston City States, a loose alliance of five smaller nations. A peace treaty has been signed by both sides; and two hidhood friends, the hero (a character you get 10 name) and his best firend Jowy, are eager to return home to Kyaro from their youth brigade camp; they are looking forward to going home and seeing the hero's sister, Nanami, again, However the mad prince of Highland, Luca Blight, redise the decades long conflict in the region by staging a midnight massacr of the youth brigade and placing the blame on the City-States. The two spot before they leap into a rive. The inver sweeps them into "enemy" territory and they are found by mercenaries hired by the City-States.

Two heroes of the Gate Rune Wars, Viktor and Flik, find the hero and he is taken captive. Jowy who had managed to escape, rescues the hero (after failing once) and they return home to Kyaro only to discover that they are now branded as traitors. Rescued by the mercenaries, the two return to the City-States and find themselves on the war front as Prince Luca Blight's armies invade Jowston, They each gain half of the Rune of Beginning. The very natures of the rune halves force the two to fight each other. They eventually find themselves in a position where they can no longer back down and surrender to the other. To surrender would mean betraying the people who have come to respect and trust each leader. Highland fights a losing battle which eventually leads to the downfall of the kingdom. The hero and Jowy are reunited one last time at the promised spot to end this once and for all-the player decides what will finally happen.

Set fifteen years after Suikoden II, Suikoden III is different from the previous games in how it deals with perspectives-namely three characters—Chris, Geddoe and Hugo. Hugo and Chris have their own perspectives as opposing sides of the conflict while Geddoe serves as a more objective party. While the storyline is similar to the game, it also has its differences. In the manga, Aki Shimizu pulls together the events of Suikoden III into what many consider a more cobseive storyline.



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PS: Look out for Suikoden IV's game release in the U.S. sometime in late 2004.

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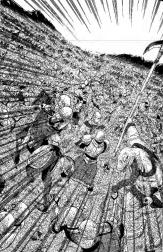






































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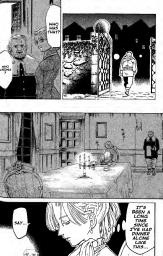


































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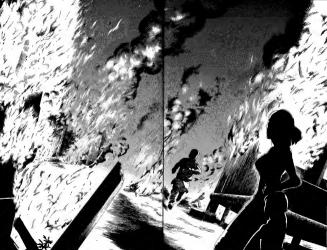






























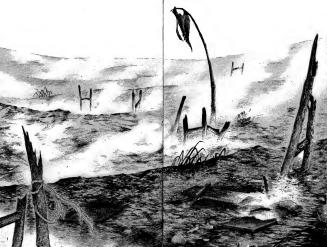


























The Karaya boy, Hago...
The remale Texen Knight,
(Pris...
The meeting of these two
was kindling.

In the end, if world become the blazing fire of destiny.

Hello. My name is Aki Shimizu. This time around, they decided to make a manga out of GENSOSUIKODEN III and they picked me to do it. Seems Mr. Ishikawa of Suikoden III's staff was familiar with my work... I am truly honored.

I thought, "Suikoden III...the story and characters are very interesting so it would really make a good manga" Although, there are 108 characters, so it'll be a little difficult. Anyway. I believe that if I write it

thinking of the significance of each character, it should turn out great. Please read it--I'll be giving it my best shot. Goodbye for now.

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In the aftermath of the Karayan massacre, Hago and the other sarrvivors pick up the pieces, look for survivors, and plot fiseir vengeance. Capfain (Pris ghiffeilow bas liftle fine to catch her breath as she faces a for Karayan warrior, and Hago! Will the Silver Maiden end up with yel more Karayan halood on her bands?

Don't miss the next volume of Saikoden III: The Saccessor of Fafe!



